

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On page 2 of the final office action, it is indicated that the IDS of March, 2004 has been considered but that a new form (PTO-1449) should be submitted, the same is being submitted herewith.

Claims 1-19 remain in the subject application. Claims 1, 3, and 12 are amended as recited hereinabove. It is stated at the bottom of page 2 of the office action that the features upon which applicant relies, i.e. bit-by-bit ... are not recited in the rejected claims 12, 17, 18 and 19. The reason for the latter is that claims 12, 17, 18 and 19 recite alternative embodiments.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Conley et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,426,893. It is believed that these claims, as previously recited and as amended hereinabove, are patentable over Conley et al. Reference is made to Conley et al., at col. 8, lines 53-67 as a basis for such rejection, however, with all due respect while Conley et al. discusses writing transferring a chunk of user data using a data bus, between a memory array and a buffer, Conley et al. does not disclose, "rewriting a sector to be re-written only on a bit-by-bit, byte-by-byte or word-for-word basis and only as to those locations in the sector that have been modified", as recited in the claimed invention. Similarly, Conley et al. does not disclose a comparator for comparing the bits of a sector to allow for modification of only those bits, bytes or words that have been changed due to the re-write. This is respectfully, in no manner, inherent. Therefore, it is believed that, for the foregoing reasons and others, the claimed invention, as recited in independent claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom are patentable over Conley et al. It is further believed that independent claims 12, 17, 18 and 19 are patentable over Conley et al. as Conley et al. does not teach or disclose their claimed subject matter. It is further believed that all claims depending from the latter independent claims are necessarily patentable.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-19 are hereby respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and an early notice thereof is respectfully requested. Should any further amendment be required prior to passing the application to issue, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number set out below.

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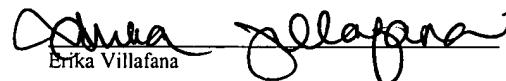
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